Sing Praise and Thanks to God!
SMG School Seeks Nominations for the 2018 NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award

For the past three years, we have been acknowledging the accomplishments of the graduates of St. Mary of Gostyn School. John Tolva (‘86), Christine Varga Kalal (‘75), and RJ Starmann (‘85) were the past recipients of this honor. The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) is the governing body of all Catholic schools and encourages schools to market the success of their graduates.

We are currently looking for candidates for this year’s award. Do you know an SMG school alum who should be considered for the NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award? If so, please complete the short nomination form below and return it to the address on the form. We will honor this individual during a Catholic Schools Week Mass celebration in February 2018. Submit your nomination by November 30, 2017.

Thank you in advance for helping us find the 2018 NCEA Distinguished Graduate.

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NCEA Distinguished Graduate Nomination
St. Mary of Gostyn School

I would like to nominate the following SMG graduate and year: __________________________________________

High School graduate attended______________________________________________________________

College graduate attended and major ________________________________________________________

I believe the aforementioned name is worthy of this honor because of what they have accomplished in their life, what they have given back to their community and/or how they have modeled Jesus in their life. Here are some examples of this….

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This information is being submitted by ________________________________________________________

If you need more information, I can be reached at ____________________________________________

Please return this form to:
Terri O’Dekirk, Development Director, todekirk@stmarygostyn.org or St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
444 Wilson St., Downers Grove, IL 60515
We may long to hear the Lord say to us, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” as He does with the first two servants mentioned in the Parable of the Talents in today’s Gospel from Matthew. However, although the third servant did not squander or waste the gifts (talents) he had received, the Master’s reaction was not the same.

As we have often stated, stewardship is an active way of life. There is nothing passive about it. The Lord expects us to do things, to take the gifts we receive and to share them and multiply them, as was the case in the first two servants cited in the parable.

If we really wish to hear the Lord say, “Well done, good and faithful servant” to us when we are finally judged, we need to do something to earn that praise. The key word in that sentence is “do.” There is nothing spiritual or abstract about being ready for Jesus’ return and judgment of us. God has gifted us in a multitude of ways. We need to recognize those gifts; acknowledge those gifts; be grateful for those gifts; and most of all use those gifts to benefit the Church and others.

What have we done with our time, our money, and our abilities? In our Church we recognize and point to sins of omission — that is, things we did not do, but should have. Like the first two servants in the parable, it is not just a case of preserving what God has given us, it is a case of using it, increasing it, and returning it to the Lord.

Every period in history has bad times. Probably you are reading something about the visions of what is called the “end times” or the apocalypse. You can find references to it in Daniel in the Old Testament and in the Book of Revelation in the New Testament.

The end time is a vision of God saving the people. Among all the trials and difficulty of life, God sends grace to save people. For those who reject God’s grace, Saint John describes a period on earth that will be full of fear, war, devastation, and natural disaster, usually referred to as the tribulation. In the end, God brings the faithful to heaven, and the unfaithful are sent to hell.

The visions of Saint John in Revelation are hard to interpret. Some scholars say that he writes about some things that have already happened. Descriptions of the tribulation and end times are very dramatic and seem filled with fear or even terror. Some people look for evidence of God punishing the wicked.

We do not understand everything Saint John wrote. There is nothing to fear, however. God has promised to take care of those who are faithful. Listen as carefully as you can to God, and do what God wants you to do the best you can. Then you will be among the elect who get to skip all the bad news.

Father Joseph Nolen, C.Ss.R.
Stewardship

In today’s Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It’s a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn’t want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ’s Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns. Reflect this week on how you are returning your own God-given gifts back to God with increase.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 11/12/2017 $ 25,584.08
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 17-18) $29,000.00
Sunday Goal to Date $580,000.00
Sunday Collections to Date $546,636.63
Total (Short of) Goals to Date ($33,363.37)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

How to Get Involved

Fill out the form below and place it in the red baskets located at each church entrance. On the form, indicate the needy family size (1 to 10 or more) you would like to adopt.

Schedule

Sign-up: Nov. 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 and Nov. 25/26 or until all families are adopted

Gift Drop-off: Saturday, Dec 16, 2017, from 8-10AM at SMG parking lot

Questions? Please call Cathy at 630-241-3447 or email at ihorcathy@sbcglobal.net

2017 Adopt-A-Family Sign-Up

Name ________________________________________________________________

If applicable, please identify the group you represent ______________________________

Street address __________________________________________________________

Town ___________________________ Zip ______

Home/cell Phone: (______)____________________________

Email: ______________________________________________

Size of Family Wanted (circle number): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Can you help with the program or delivery on December 16? Yes No Maybe

Drop your completed form in any of the red baskets located at each church entrance.
Vocation Awareness Week
November 5th to 11th, 2017

THE FAMILY

Yes! It starts in your family. A vocation is a personal calling, a mission, a purpose... more than a career. The Christian Vocation is our holy call to follow Christ and is answered in Marriage, Single life, Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Life (Sister, Brother, or Missionary.)

All Christian vocations can lead to heaven!

What can I do?

1. Parents: Pray often that each of your children will hear God’s true vocation for them.
2. Parents: Talk about your vocation and tell your children that you will support them the entire way if they feel the call to explore religious life.
3. Parishioners: Tell someone that they would make a great priest, deacon, sister, brother, mother or father one day and pray for them. (How will they know?)

If you are feeling a call to religious life, pray about it daily, and contact Fr. Shaun or Fr. Jim.

Lord Jesus, guide me to my true vocation. Amen.

Want to build a culture of vocations at SMG? Contact Fr. Shaun to join our vocation team.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP

Campaign for Human Development Collection Today

In the United States, more than 46 million people are living in poverty. It is our duty as Christians to empower those experiencing poverty in our very own Diocese of Joliet. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is our anti-poverty program to help them find hope and a way to a more secure life. Support offered to this collection reaches those living on the margins and gives them a “hand up”, not a “hand out”.

By supporting CCHD, you will be benefitting organizations such as CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in Will County. CASA staff and volunteers serve as advocates for children in the courts, helping them exercise their rights, navigate courtroom procedures, and make sure that the child’s individual needs are being met. CASA works tirelessly to ensure that every child finds a safe and secure home where they can recover from their past and look towards a brighter future. Over 90% of the CASA’s young clients come from low-income families.

CASA is one of five organizations in the Diocese of Joliet funded by last year’s collection for CCHD. The other four organizations serve vulnerable populations such as immigrants, mentally and physically disabled adults, and the poor.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty throughout our diocese and across the United States. If you would like more information about the collection and those it supports, please visit the USCCB website (http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

November 19, 2017
THANKSGIVING MASS
November 23, 2017
9:00 AM MASS

You are invited to join us in giving thanks to God for all the blessings He has shared with us at Mass on Thanksgiving, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, at 9:00 AM.

Incense will be used at this Mass.

As part of the Liturgy, loaves of bread will be blessed and distributed at the end of Mass to each family in the congregation to be shared at the family Thanksgiving Meal as a sign of extending our parish celebration into our individual homes. You are invited to bring food baskets to be blessed along with the bread.

Please accept our invitation to begin Thanksgiving Day together as a parish family at the 9:00 AM Mass.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).
Psalm - Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).
Second Reading - Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).
Gospel - To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day, Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
ALTAR FLOWERS

The Thanksgiving floral arrangement on the altar was donated by
RON & MARY BUCHLER
and
FRANK & DIANNE CZOPEK
In thanksgiving for all the abundant blessings received from God.

A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Dan & Catherine Boyce
Angelica Daughaday
Tracy Dietschweiler
John Eber & Jill Moran
Lucerita Gomez
Daniel & Erin Henry
Roger & Suzanne Klose
Bob & Sally Larkin
Frank & Adrianna Levato
David & Alicia Mellish
Neill & Lisa Osika
Clifford & Michelle Rebello
Dan & Jill Rosenblum
Thomas & Molly Saxton
Ian & Cynthia Schuster
Kathleen Sherlock
Alan & Teresa Snyder
Paul & Mary Tuttle
Bob & Rachel Upton
James & Joanna Yrkoski
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Baptism

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:
Maxwell Sebastian Green,
son of Justin & Emily Green
Aiden James McTigue,
son of John & Mary McTigue
Olivia Anne Sherman,
daughter of Scott & Lauren Sherman

~ Parish Office Hours ~

The Parish Offices will close at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, November 22nd.
The offices will also be closed Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

St. Mary of Gostyn Church Blood Drive

Sunday, November 26, 2017
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Gathering Place, Lower level of church

To schedule your appointment, visit donateblood.lifesource.org/ Login (past donors) or select New Donor from the scroll down list or type in 861C in Group Code by bottom of page, Select time slot. Appointments Preferred. Walk-ins Welcome.

PLEASE EAT, STAY HYDRATED, AND BRING PICTURE ID.

Each presenting donor will receive a FREE Culvers coupon good for one pint of ice-cream.!

November is National Bone Marrow Awareness Month and a representative from our Be the Match program will be in attendance at this drive.
St. Mary Alumni Films Anti-Bullying Video at School

St. Mary of Gostyn grade school alumni Neil Fernandez now lives in Los Angeles as a producer, editor and cinematographer; he was back roaming the halls of his alma mater recently doing a video shoot for an important upcoming project. With the goal of bringing attention to bullying and the help of a few SMG students, Neil filmed a video for artist Kim Kline’s new song, “Stand Tall.”

“I am very grateful to be a part of this anti-bullying project as it serves as an example of how we hope to empower our students to foster an inclusive environment and mindset throughout our school and community. We also maintain a focus on how we can help support and have a positive effect on bully[ing], and hopefully reduce the number of and frequency of bullying incidents,” stated SMG principal Chris Tiritili. This message is reflected in Kim’s new song. It is the message that these SMG students were happy to help spread. "Bullying is no joke. You should be an up stander, not a bystander.”

While bullying will likely never be completely eliminated, it is songs like this that can inspire kids to make a difference, to be leaders, not followers, and to “stand up” for kindness.

Thank you to Neil, and all involved with this wonderful project – SMG was proud to be a part of it!

Your Holiday Shopping Made Easy with Manna!

We have three sales before Christmas to order gift cards for holiday shopping or to give as gifts to those loved ones in your life.

Order dates will be Monday, November 27th, December 4th and the 11th. Orders received by 10 a.m. the day of the sale will be available for pick on Thursday by 2 p.m.

Order forms are available for pick-up at the Parish Center, Rectory or School Office. Proceeds from the sales benefit SMG!

Questions? manna@stmarygostyn.org
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

- Judith Abella
- Abby Beranek
- Felicia Bubula
- Frank Davis
- Mark Gowgiel
- Robert Hayes
- Kenny Kern
- Eddie Mayerik
- Andrea Mutton
- Mary Ann Papievis
- Eliza Skipworth
- Hugh Toner
- Ashley Wolman
- Joyce Truby
- Silas Bronk
- Kathleen Stress
- Malek Family
- Nicholas T. Almeida
- Kathy Berg
- Ann Clark
- Jessica Davy
- Diane Goyette
- Erinn Henes
- Doreen Lehner
- Spencer Mehr
- Rob Noonan
- Eleanor Pecka
- Yoshi Snider
- Mark Trout
- Jan Hofmaier
- Vinney Miroglia
- Thomas Mendoza
- Candy Kornack
- Louis Bach
- Sharon Binter
- Margaret Corbett
- Jim Donovan
- Rion Goyette
- Bobby Johnson
- Robert Lehner
- Dolores Mendoza
- Fr. Ernie Norbeck
- Cynthia Petro
- Joey Stefka
- Laine Van Houton
- Steve Wolfram
- Fr. John Ducaji
- Eloise Schleck
- Joan Temborius
- Anna Bandur
- Bill Brown
- Helen Czulak
- Dennis Finn
- Gen Hadamik
- Donna Karlinski
- Diane Main
- Kate Moss
- Ken Norman
- Char Ryan
- Joan Taggionia
- Audrey Waechtler
- Ken VanderPloeg
- Kenneth Twardzik
- Isabella Tolsma
- Bobbie Olp
- Gabriella Beirne
- Tom Brown
- Jean Dahm
- Becca Gorman
- Hope Hathaway
- Joseph Karlinski
- Virginia Mates
- James Murawski
- Daniel Oliver
- Tom Salansky
- Sharon Talliero
- Loretta Wies
- Louise Clemens
- Frank Colonna
- Don Nietzel
- Teresa Druzgal-Heaver

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
- Grace Gove
- Walter Kempa

Pray for our Military

Let us pray for all of our military personnel, especially the men and women of our parish who are serving in harm’s way:

- Jason Weeks
- Kevin Braasch
- Michael Martel
- Natalya Brechlin
- John Svoboda
- Christopher Fountain
- Nathan Kijowski
- Bob Lang
- Zachary Frana
- Timothy Randazzo
- Christopher Randazzo
- Kyle Ng

We give thanks to God for the safe return of Josh Cruz.

St. Mary of Gostyn Ministry to the Homebound

Do you have a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor who would like to receive the Eucharist on Sunday mornings? If so, please have them contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Center at 630/960-1063, ext 244.

A Minister to the Homebound will be happy to visit them.

First Friday visits are also offered.

Nursing Home / Hospital Visitation

Notify the Rectory, (630) 969-1063, if you or a family member want a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility. Without such notification, the rectory has no method of knowing who wants visitation.

(Please also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).
Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- November 23 & 24: No RE or Confirmation Sessions. Happy Thanksgiving.
- November 29 & 30: RE and Confirmation Sessions
- November 30: Adult Formation One Topic
  One Night will offer Fr. Shaun on the topic of What the Church teaches on Same-Sex Attraction. 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place. All adults invited, Catechist this will be a good idea for Formation Hours.

Advent Mass

In all of the learning and activities we do as Catholics, Mass is by far the most important. Giving our children an opportunity to go to Mass together allows them to build a strong community of believers outside of their family. We want to encourage the celebration of Advent as we prepare for Christ. Please join us on Wednesday, December 20 for an RE Family Mass at 6:30 pm. There are no sessions that week at our regular times.

Alive in Christ

Check out the website that corresponds with our Parish Religious Education curriculum, Alive in Christ. Our Sunday Visitor offers many modules for parishioners connection to our resources as well.

When bishops gather at the Vatican two years from now, they’ll have the opportunity to make a much-needed course correction.

Read the article on Vocations and the 2018 synod

Russell Shaw, OSV Daily Take

October 28 2016

http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/parish/article/vocations_and_the_2018_synod

No Religious Ed this Week

Sessions Resume Next Wednesday/Thursday

November 29 & 30
Community Ecumenical Worship Service and Pie Social

All are Welcome!
Tuesday, Nov. 21st 7:30 PM
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
4501 Main St. Downers Grove
Community Outreach: bring a new or gently used coat and/or canned goods for the FISH Pantry.
For more information, please contact our Parish Center 630.960.3565.

One Topic. One Night.

The recent ONE topic ONE night opened with insights on equality; here is a brief summary of six reasons why women cannot be priests. This Speaker Series aims to provide our parish a platform to foster dialogue, cultivate enriching ideas, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process.

November 30th at 7:00pm
Speaker: Father Shaun
Topic: What the Church teaches on Same-Sex Attraction

"Although the teaching that priestly ordination is to be reserved to men alone has been preserved by the constant and universal tradition of the Church and firmly taught by the magisterium in its more recent documents, at the present time in some places it is nonetheless considered still open to debate, or the Church’s judgment that women are not to be admitted to ordination is considered to have a merely disciplinary force. Wherefore, in order that all doubt may be removed regarding a matter of great importance, a matter which pertains to the Church’s divine constitution itself, in virtue of my ministry of confirming the brethren (cf. Luke 22:32) I declare that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church’s faithful"


1. It is the Church’s constant and unbroken tradition.
2. Jesus, acting in full accord with his Father’s will, did not call women from among his disciples.
3. The Apostles do not hand on their apostolic ministry to women (Acts 1:12-28).
4. The practice is permanently normative of the Lord; in other words, it is rooted in Christ’s manner of acting.
5. The priest must have a natural resemblance to Jesus; giving better understanding to In persona Christi and the Bridegroom relationship between Christ and the Church.
6. The Church’s teachings are not governed or shaped by the cultural changes, norms or movements of the times.
STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER
Three weeks ago our Stewardship Campaign began with a focus on prayer. The responses were heartwarming as you have seen with the heartfelt sentiments of parishioner we have shared the past two weeks.

The more we pray, the happier we become. The more we pray, the less anxious we become, and we are filled with a greater peace of mind and heart. The more we pray, we begin to see the hand of God in our day to day life, that is, we see Him acting in our life. We begin to see that He loves us, personally. That makes life so much more meaningful.

The most important thing is to acquire the habit of prayer.

Here are some additional responses from our parishioners as to what they have pledged to pray for:

... the homeless who will be without shelter this winter season.
...those who have anxiety and to help those who are addicted to substances.
...anyone going through the experience of serious illness and those with a debilitating disease.
... people who are worse off than I am.
...greater tolerance, an end to violence, and more respect for life.
...our country and its people and for the chance God has given us to be a Christian nation under God.
...an increased participation of Catholics at Mass.
...the reorganization of our Youth Ministry program and to find a passionate person to guild all of the young people of our parish.
...those who have fallen away from the church and those in purgatory.
...peace in our homes and in the world.

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
**Around the Community**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**
134 ARTHUR, ELMHURST
HOSTS FOURTH ANNUAL
FAIR TRADE ARTISAN’S MARKET
DECEMBER 3RD FROM 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Christmas shopping for individuals who “have everything” or “don’t need anything?” You’re sure to find one-of-a-kind beautifully crafted items for everyone! Items include clothing, jewelry, baskets, ornaments, crèches, home décor, coffee, olive oil, chocolate and much more. All wares are handmade by artisans in over fifteen developing countries.

**FAIR TRADE CHANGES LIVES!**

**SERRA CLUB DINNER**
The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, November 20, 2017 at St. Michael’s Parish, 310 S. Wheaton in Wheaton. The evening will begin at 6:00PM with Rosary and Mass. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center.

Speaker at the Dinner, Annette Morrison, has lived with her husband of 25 years and their four children in Mokena and served in many ministries as a member of St Mary Parish. Recently she returned to focus on her family and foster deeper growth into her spiritual life. Cultivating her lifetime devotion to the Blessed Mother, Annette feels called to imitate her in a special way for the sake of priests, and hopes that this spiritual maternity may help a priest to live out God’s call.

To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann Carr: carrgeojo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994

**A CONCERT AND INSPIRATION**
WITH TATIANA TAJCI CAMERON

*Turning Holiday Chaos into a season of Love, Healing and comfort*

Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Naperville

**BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE & WREATH SALE**

What better way to decorate your home for the holidays while supporting St. Mary of Gostyn’s Boy Scouts. A wide variety of trees and wreaths will be available to purchase from the scouts in the East Parking Lot. All proceeds & donations help support Troop 89. The lot is open from November 24th thru December 16th

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**St. Mary of Gostyn**
Knights of Columbus Council 16062

**Pizza with Santa**
Saturday, December 9th
5:30 - 7:30 PM in the Gathering Place
Bring a new unwrapped toy for Santa to take to Sharing Connections for their Toy Program.

**“SINGLE THROUGH LOSS” GATHERING**
FOR MEN AND WOMEN ON DECEMBER 9, 2017

After the loss of a spouse through death or divorce, even those well on their way to an adjusted lifestyle can find the holiday season challenging. Please join us on Saturday, December 9 for a festive Christmas tea and a presentation by Sr. Joanne Vallero, CSJ, pastoral associate at St. Dennis Parish in Lockport, entitled “Holy Season, Sacred Journey”. The program begins 1 pm (check-in starts at 12:30 pm) and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4 pm.

This event will take place at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill. The $15 fee can be paid at the door with cash or a check payable to Diocese of Joliet. To register, call 815-838-5334, email familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or register online at http://conta.cc/2hkJLiU. Reservations are required by December 1.

**THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES OF LA GRANGE PARK**
ASK YOU TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY AS A CONGREGATION!

51st Annual Dinner Dance Honoring Rose Mary Ranallo
Saturday, November 25th, 2017
6:30 in the evening at Porretta’s Banquets, Chicago
Cocktails, Dinner, Entertainment & Dancing,
Cash Raffle, Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets
$75 Donation per Dinner Ticket
Please call 708.354.1999 for tickets or more information

**SPIRITO SINGERS**
Under the artistic direction of Molly Lindberg, Spirito! Singers will be performing their Christmas Concert, *Making Spirits Bright*, on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3:00 pm at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst, IL. Reserved seating tickets are $25.00 and can be purchased at www.spiritosingers.org or by calling 1-877-8WE-SING. Come out and enjoy the beautiful voices of over 230 Spirito! Singers. Spirito! Singers offers young singers between 5th - 12th grades the opportunity to learn
This Week

Monday / 20
2:00 PM  School Book Fair  L.R.C.
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  Chapel
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place
7:00 PM  CRHP #20 - Men Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Festival Choir Church

Tuesday / 21
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study Underground

Wednesday / 22
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal Church

Thursday / 23
9:00 AM  Thanksgiving Day Mass Church

Friday / 24
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
5:00 PM  PADs  Gathering Place

Saturday / 25
12:00 AM  PADs  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  Basketball Gym

Sunday / 26
7:00 AM  Blood Drive Gathering Place
7:00 AM  CRHP #24 - Men Chapel
1:00 PM  Basketball Gym
1:30 PM  Baptism Church
4:30 PM  6:00 Choir Rehearsal Church
8:00 PM  Men’s Basketball Gym

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17
NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register either in person at the Rectory, or register online through our website, www.stmarygostyn.org.

BAPTISMS: St. Mary of Gostyn offers baptismal preparation sessions on a monthly basis. If this is your first child or it has been more than five years since you attended a baptismal preparation session at St. Mary’s or another parish, you will need to participate in a session before you can receive a date for your baby’s baptism.

Parents are the first and primary educators in the practice of the Faith. Godparents play an important role in the faith life of your child. While considering godparents for your child, be aware that at least one must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic who is active in his/her faith. Please call the parish office at 630-969-1063 to register for a preparation class and to schedule a baptismal date.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of welcoming and preparing adults for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation - for full membership in the Catholic Church. Unbaptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics with little or no formal religious education are invited to participate. Please call the rectory for further information.

ANNULMENTS: We are available to help anyone who is in need of information about how to apply for an annulment. Please contact the rectory at (630)969-1063.

LITURGY of HOURS: Morning Prayer (Lauds) is prayed Monday through Saturday following the morning liturgies.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available at regularly scheduled liturgies throughout the year, or by appointment. You may ask the presiding priest before any Mass for an anointing. Communal Anointing Masses are held on the 1st Saturday of the month in August, December and April at the 8:00 AM Mass. The Eucharist will also be brought to those who are ill, upon request. Please notify the Rectory if members of your family are in the hospital or homebound.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are usually made by the Funeral Home or by a family member. A member of our Bereavement team will meet with you to plan the Funeral Liturgy. Eulogies can be given at the Wake Service, Interment at the Cemetery or at the Funeral Luncheon, but not at the Mass of Christian Burial.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament.

PRAYER GROUPS: Monday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Parish Center; Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center chapel.

ROSARY DEVOTION: Monday through Saturday, 7:30 AM in the church; Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings in the church.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 PM in church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available by appointment. Please call the Rectory (630-969-1063) to arrange to have your confession heard by a priest.